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SUBJECT: IRAQ-PDRY COLLABORATION

REF: (A) TEHRAN 1409 (B) TEHRAN 1611

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER DISCUSSED IRAQ-PDRY COLLABORATION QUESTION WITH COL. NASRULLAH SAMARDAR, IRANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE ON FEBRUARY 18. SAMARDAR NOTED THAT IN HIS OPINION IRAQ COULD FIELD 7,000-9,000 MAN FORCE IN DHOFAR IF SUPPORTED BY PDRY. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HEARD REPORTS OF RENEWED GUERILLA ACTIVITIES IN DHOFAR DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

2. COMMENT: COL. SAMARDAR IS NOT BEST-INFORMED SOURCE IN JIDDA. AMBASSADOR RA'ED, NOW ABSENT IN TEHRAN IS PROBABLY ONLY ONE WHO COULD HAVE PROVIDED ANY INFORMATION FROM IRANIAN SIDE ABOUT UNDER SECRETARY ZELLI'S TALKS IN RIYADH. BUT WITHOUT PROMPTING SAMARDAR DID FAIRLY REFLECT KHALATBARI'S VIEW AND "ALARMED" INTERPRETATION OF THE SAME FACTS MENTIONED REFTELS. REPORTS HE HAS RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL.

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OF GUERILLA ACTIVITY IN DHOFAR HAVE ONLY SERVED TO STRENGTHEN HIS VIEWS.
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